

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Administrative Office	(2) MEETING DATE 10/13/2015	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Ron Alsop, 781-5011	
(4) SUBJECT Receive a presentation on winter storm preparedness activities from Public Works and the Office of Emergency Services. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board receive and file the presentation on winter storm preparedness activities from Public Works and the Office of Emergency Services.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? N/A
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT { } Consent X Presentation { } Hearing (Time Est. ____) { } Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS { } Resolutions { } Contracts { } Ordinances X N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A { } 4/5 Vote Required X N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY X N/A Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S)			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

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RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

The current El Nino and the resulting projections for a potentially wet and stormy weather should have all of us attuned to the need to be prepared for a strong winter. The current and continuing El Nino has been compared with the conditions of those of the winter of 1997-98. Although there has been and is caution that even a strong El Nino may not bring significant rainfall, using the 1997-98 years as a comparison shows that we could have significant damages. The storms caused serious damages throughout the county during that time period, which resulted in a number of local, state, and federal disaster declarations.

In January 1997 there was a Local Proclamation of Emergency by the County, a State of Emergency declaration by the Governor, and President Clinton declared the county a Federal major disaster area. Storm damages included flooding, landslides and wind damage. This occurred again in January 1998 - significant damages from winter weather again resulted in a Local Proclamation of Emergency by the County, State of Emergency proclamation by the Governor, and a Federal disaster declaration was issued for the county.

As a result of the projections for this winter, Public Works and County OES have been working on their respective preparedness efforts, which will be shown during the presentation. It is acknowledged that other agencies have roles as well however this presentation concentrates on the key efforts of these two agencies.

The presentation will include information on Public Works' countywide storm maintenance program, Arroyo Grande Creek maintenance and response planning, culvert maintenance, critical structure maintenance and other efforts throughout the county.

The presentation will also provide an overview of OES efforts which include finalizing development of an Adverse Weather Response plan - or in simple terms an easy to use "play book" for initial guidance for emergency managers on what actions to initially take related to serious storms, storm warnings, flooding conditions, and situations such as evacuation needs.

OES is also updating the County Dam and Levee Failure Evacuation Plan to continue to ensure immediate response guidance in the event of a levee or unlikely dam failure. OES is and has been participating in flood preparedness coordination with agencies such as the National Weather Service, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Department of Water Resources and Cal Fire, among others. This included a regional coordination kick off meeting with many of these agencies in Santa Barbara last month (September.)

OES is also working to streamline disaster recovery preparations - these are the processes and procedures that will need to be followed by all local jurisdictions within the county should storms cause significant enough damages to prompt a local Proclamation of Emergency and to request State and/or Federal disaster assistance.

In addition, as part of our ongoing preparedness efforts County OES and other agencies recently met to enhance coordination efforts related to requesting evacuation centers be opened for any need. Evacuation centers have been opened for past storms, most recently in the winter of 2010.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

Public Works and the Office of Emergency Services worked together on this presentation.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations related to this presentation.

RESULTS

To demonstrate preparation actions being taken by Public Works and OES and to note the efforts of other agencies, in order to help show that efforts are being made to ensure a safer community through mitigation and enhanced readiness for potentially damaging winter storms.